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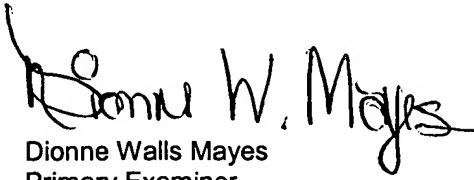
Dear Mr. Slattery -

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 11/29/05 was filed after the mailing date of the "Notice of Allowance" on 8/31/2005. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dionne Walls Mayes whose telephone number is (571) 272-1195. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 7AM - 4:30PM.

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